

REMARKS

Re-examination and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27. In this regard, the Examiner indicates that claims 14, 17, 20, 23 and 26 should be amended to indicate that "ICB" corresponds to ---information control block---. By the current amendment, Applicants have amended these claims in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office recently issued Interim Guidelines For Examination of Patent Applications For Patent Subject Matter Eligibility, indicating that a claimed computer-readable medium encoded with a data structure defines structural and functional interrelationships between the data structure and the computer software and hardware components that permit the data structure's functionality to be realized, and is thus statutory.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that independent claims 14 and 15 are directed to statutory subject matter. However, in order to advance the prosecution of the present application to issue, Applicants amend claims 14 and 15 to indicate (using the language of claim 14), that a file of the data storage medium read by the computer is managed.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection of claims 14 and 15, indicate the allowability of all the pending claims, and pass the application to issue.

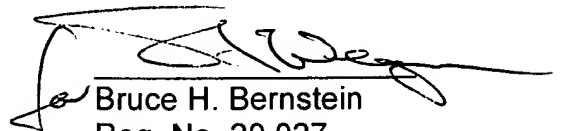
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the present invention as now defined by the pending claims, and in further view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time required to place the application in condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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